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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The following reply is responsive to the Requirement for Restriction mailed July 2, 2002, originally due for a response on August 2, 2002, now due for response on September 2, 2002, by virtue of the herein requested one month extension of time.

In the Requirement for Restriction, the Examiner requested election of one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 1-3, drawn to a method for the detection of BBC

- Group II: Claim 4, drawn to an assay for the detection of BBC
- Group III: Claims 5-6, drawn to a method of modulating the activity of Gli 1
- Group IV: Claim 7, drawn to a test kit
- Group V: Claim 8, drawn to a method of preventing and/or treating disease states using Gli 1 inhibitors
- Group VI: Claim 8, drawn to a method of preventing and/or treating disease states using a specific binding partner
- Group VII: Claim 9, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising inhibitors of Gli 1 activity
- Group VIII: Claim 9, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a specific binding partner

Applicants hereby elect Group VII, claim 9, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising inhibitors of Gli 1 activity, without traverse.

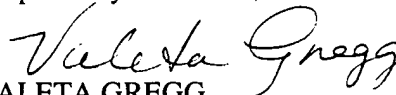
Fees

A check in the amount of \$55 is enclosed to cover the one month extension of time. No other fees are believed to be due. However, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account no. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have elected the claims of Group VII, without traverse. Examination on the merits thereafter is courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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